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Dr. Kathryn Koeller Named Associate Director of CSR's Division of Receipt and Referral

Dr. Kathryn Koeller has been selected to become an Associate Director of CSR's Division of Receipt and Referral (DRR). She also will serve as CSR's Review/Research Integrity Officer. She has been an Assistant Director of this Division since 2016.



"Katie has been an outstanding member of the DRR team," said CSR Acting Director Dr. Noni Byrnes. "Her top-notch analytical skills will be essential to succeeding in this position. In addition, her 12-year tenure as a CSR Scientific Review Officer make her well-suited to handle allegations of both research and review integrity violations. Ensuring the integrity of NIH peer review is central to our mission to convene fair and expert reviews so NIH can fund the most promising research."

Prior to joining DRR, Dr. Koeller served as a Scientific Review Officer in CSR's Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, where she primarily ran the Synthetic and Biological Chemistry B study section. Before coming to CSR, she was an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Washington-Seattle. Dr. Koeller holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA, where her graduate research focused on chemical and enzymatic synthesis of complex oligosaccharides, glycopeptides, and aminoglycoside antibiotics. During post-doctoral research in chemical biology at Harvard University, she pursued cell-based screening approaches toward the discovery of small molecules modulators of nuclear and cytoplasmic histone deacetylase function.

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